Government to acquire nuclear powered submarines capable of employing nuclear weapons; and

(b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE). (a) and (b) It will not be in the national interest to disclose any information on the Floor of the House.

Conduct of exercises by Singapore Air Force over Indian air space

319. SHRI R P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Singapore Air Force has been allowed to conduct exercises over the Indian air space and their army has also been given permission to carry out training exercises on Indian soil; and

(b) if so, the details of the agreement concluded with Singapore and the reasons for allowing a foreign country to use Indian air space and land for their military exercises?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

MiG aircrafts with IAF

†320. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state

(a) the number of MiG aircrafts in the fleet of Indian Air Force; how old this fleet is;

(b) whether accidents in MiG aircrafts have become a common feature; if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Ministry of Defence is planning to procure aircrafts with better technology after removing MiG aircrafts from its fleet, if so, by when, and

(d) the number of pilots and common people killed in aircraft accidents togetherwith the losses suffered by the Air Force due to these accidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The Indian Air Force (IAF) have adequate number of MiG aircraft along with

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